City of Joplin

City Council Agenda Item

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2015

Item: Council Bill 2015-503

Finance Director: Leslie Haase	**Date:**
City Attorney: Peter Edwards	**Date:**
City Manager: Sam Anselm	**Date:**

INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill changes language related to trash bill collecting.

DISCUSSION:

The trash bill the city collects on behalf of the trash provider is linked by contract with the sewer bill and water service. All properties that have active water service are required to have trash service and are billed accordingly. A revision of Chapter 102 is needed to authorize the City to collect delinquent trash bills for up to 90 days from owners or tenants of the property.

Basically, this language sets out the due date of the trash bill, the penalty that can be assessed on delinquent trash bills, that both the owner and tenant are responsible for delinquent trash bills and that the City will make a good faith effort to notify both the owner and tenant of any past due amounts on rental property. The language being proposed mirrors the ordinance for billing and collection procedures for sewer bills, which will assist staff in outlining procedures to follow when collecting for trash services.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on first reading.